

REMARKS

Rejections in view of Braun (US 2005/0068550)

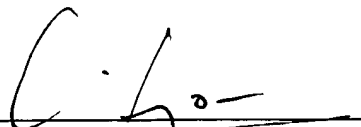
Claims 1-8, 10 and 12-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) or 103(a) in light of Braun (US 2005/0068550) (hereinafter "Braun"). Applicant submits herewith a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 to remove Braun as a reference. The Declaration is signed by all of the inventors and establishes conception of the claimed invention before the filing date of Braun coupled with reasonable diligence from prior to said date to the subsequent filing of this application. Applicant therefore submits that claims 1-8, 10 and 12-14 are patentable in view of Braun.

Conclusion

Based on the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections. Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-248-4793. It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required for consideration of this paper (including fees for net addition of claims) are authorized to be charged in two copies of an Amendment Transmittal Letter filed herewith.

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